## WHAT IS CLAIMED:

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- A method for treating whey, comprising the steps of: separating proteins from a whey stock solution;
- placing the protein-free solution as a medium in a reactor at 25-32  $\!\!\!\!\!^{\circ}$  and pH 3.8-4.6; and

aerobically culturing mushroom mycelia in the reactor.

- 2. The method for treating whey according to claim 1, wherein the reactor is maintained at 28.3  $^{\circ}$ C and pH 4.2.
  - 3. The method for treating whey according to claim 1, wherein the mushroom is at least one species selected from the group consisting of Ganoderma lucidum, Lentinus edodes, Pleurotus ostreatus, Phellinus linteus and Agaricus bisporus.
  - 4. A method for culturing and cultivating mushroom mycelia, comprising the steps of:

separating proteins from a whey stock solution; placing the protein-free solution as a medium in a reactor at  $25\text{-}32\,\text{C}$  and pH 3.8-4.6; and

aerobically culturing mushroom mycelia in the reactor

 The method for culturing and cultivating mushroom mycelia according to claim 4, wherein the reactor is maintained at 28.3°C and pH 4.2.

6. The method for culturing and cultivating mushroom mycelia according to claim 4, wherein the mushroom is at least one species selected from the group consisting of Ganoderma lucidum, Lentinus edodes, Pleurotus ostreatus, Phellinus linteus and Agaricus bisporus.